

## The Resource Depot

**Started:** 1998/99 (Target)  
**Annual Budget:** \$65,000 (proposed)  
**Funding Sources:** State of Florida Recycling and Education Grant  
 Children's Services Council  
 Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County  
**Hours of Operation:** Unknown  
**Staffing:** One full time paid position  
 Student volunteers  
 Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County  
 Volunteers  
**Space:** 2,000 to 3,000 sq. ft. (proposed)  
**Businesses Involved:** Unknown  
**Organizations Served:** Palm Beach County School Teachers, community organizations that serve children  
**Program Highlights:** During fiscal year 1997/98, the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) set a goal to lead a countywide effort to establish a Reusable Resource Center. The primary interest the SWA had in assuming a leadership role was related to the impact a center can have on diverting material from disposal facilities. However, the SWA recognized that the benefits of a Center would reach far beyond disposal issues, having a much greater potential for benefitting educators and ultimately the children of Palm Beach County. Therefore, SWA viewed its leadership role as temporary, taking responsibility for helping to build a foundation that would support the program long term.  
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*You need a dedicated project manager. The challenges are finding an adequate location, securing funding, filing for non-profit status, establishing a board of directors complete with officers and budget.*

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